(d) No retired pilots is working in Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot.

(e) Equal opportunity is given to male and female candidates by the airlines in the matter of employment.

Statement

Name of the Organisation	Pilots		Trainee pilots	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Indian Airlines	520	15	63	3
Air India	323	1	34	..
Vayudoot	125	2	11	..

Bilateral Aviation Agreement with Netherlands

1093. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the bilateral agreement signed with the Government of Netherlands, the national carrier of that country has been given co-terminal facilities at Delhi and Calcutta;

(b) if so, whether such co-terminal facilities are being implemented with other Air Lines and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have laid any policy for such matters; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. K.L.M. has been given rights to operate to Calcutta in combination with either Delhi or Bombay.

(b) and (c) Government are willing to consider grant of similar facilities to other airlines also subject to terms and conditions mutually to be agreed to with the respective Governments within the frame-work of bilateral air services agreements with the concerned countries.

Liberalisation of International and National Aviation Markets

1094. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for liberalisation of International and National avaiation markets;

(b) what are the specific incentives through which this policy has been implemented; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, the reasons therefor and by when Government plan to introduce the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDA): (a) to (c) The following steps have been taken:—

(i) Open Sky Policy for cargo carriers has been placed on a permanent basis.

(ii) Freight rates have been deregulated with IATA rates as floor rates.

(iii) Air taxi guidelines have been modified progressively and

various restrictions on the type of aircraft, its seating capacity, fares to be charged have been removed.

(iv) Air charter guidelines have been progressively liberalised. To attract tourist charters even during the lean season, the minimum foreign exchange earning to be guaranteed by the charter company for packages of 7 days has been reduced from 350 dollars per passenger to 300 dollars per passenger during the period April to September.

(v) Policy regarding import of aircraft for scheduled operators has been liberalised.

(vi) Special excise duty and counterveiling duty on the import of aircraft have been abolished.

(vii) A bill has been introduced in the Parliament to restructure Air India and Indian Airlines and to repeal the Air Corporation Act, 1953.

Agitations by employeesc of Indian Airlines

1095. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of different departments of Indian Airlines are constantly agitating for the last six months;

(b) what is the impact of these agitations on the punctuality of the Indian Airlines; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to solve the problems of agitating workers of the Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Employees of some departments in Indian Airlines have been agitating from time to time for realisation of their various demands?

(b) There have been delays/cancellations of flights as a result of these agitations.

(c) The entire question of revision of wages and allowances for employees of Indian Airlines and Air India for a period of five years from 1-9-90, has been referred to the National Industrial Tribunal. On some of the pending issues, settlement have been made through bilateral negotiations without prejudice to the final award of National Industrial Tribunal, Bilateral talks are held to discuss and resolve various issues raised by the unions and management. Unresolved issues, however, necessary are referred to the prescribed authorities for conciliation.

महाराष्ट्र में बौद्ध गुफाओं का विकास

1096. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या **नागर विमानन** और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सच है कि पर्यटन विकास निगम ने सरकार को महाराष्ट्र के जिला रायगड में "कुडे" स्थान पर स्थित बौद्ध कालीन गुफाओं का एक सर्वेक्षण प्रस्तुत किया है ;

(ख) सरकार इस पर्यटन स्थल का विकास करने के लिए क्या योजनाएं बनाना चाहती है; और

(ग) इस पर्यटन स्थल को भारत के पर्यटन मानचित्र में कब तक सम्मिलित कर लिया जायेगा ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार महाराष्ट्र के कोंकण क्षेत्र के गहन विकास हेतु यात्रा परिपथ का अभिनिर्धारण करने पर विचार कर रही है ।